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COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS CALLS FOR THE FCC TO OPEN AN INQUIRY INTO THE LAWFULNESS OF THE DISCLOSURE OF AMERICA'S PHONE RECORDS

Washington, D.C.—Reacting to recent news reports that the nation's largest telecommunications carriers provided the government with customers' calling records, Commissioner Michael J. Copps stated:

“Recent news reports suggest that some – but interestingly not all – of the nation's largest telephone companies have provided the government with their customers' calling records. There is no doubt that protecting the security of the American people is our government's number one responsibility. But in a Digital Age where collecting, distributing, and manipulating consumers' personal information is as easy as a click of a button, the privacy of our citizens must still matter. To get to the bottom of this situation, the FCC should initiate an inquiry into whether the phone companies' involvement violated Section 222 or any other provisions of the Communications Act. We need to be certain that the companies over which the FCC has public interest oversight have not gone – or been asked to go – to a place where they should not be.”

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